

Just a few...

Here are just a few random ideas dealing with technology.

1. Google Earth: Google Earth combines the power of Google Search with satellite imagery, maps, terrain and 3D buildings to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips. (Note: while Google Earth is a free program, the application must be downloaded to your computer.)

- Fly to your house. Just type in an address, press Search, and you'll zoom right in.

- Search for schools, parks, restaurants, and hotels. Get driving directions.

- Tilt and rotate the view to see 3D terrain and buildings, or look up to explore the sky

- Save and share your searches and favorites.

<http://earth.google.com/>

2. Speechable: Speechable is a free photo service that lets you easily upload and add speech bubbles to your photos and share them with friends

: <http://speechable.com/>

3. Wix:

This is the same concept as glogster. Wix.com is a free website builder that enables anyone to create a website in Flash without any programming or code. The Wix website builder is a simple and ideal solution for small businesses, non-profit organizations, artists, photographers, musicians and anyone interested in a personal website with which to promote their cause and ideas. Using an intuitive drag and drop interface anyone can create a free website with stunning Flash website designs. Include your own content, pictures, videos, text, animations, effects and widgets in your new free website and publish a unique and personal web creation in hours. To help you get started we've provided rich galleries full of free Flash templates in a variety of styles. The template galleries have something for everyone and they offer a great stepping stone to get you started on your way to your own personal web design. Don't compromise on your website. Create a powerful promotional tool you can be proud of, without spending a fortune. Publish your own professional free website within hours.

[www.wix.com](http://www.wix.com)

4. Flip Cameras: Do you have one? How are you using them in your classroom. Here are a few ideas that I found to FLIP!

- Fluency Practice: Let them record themselves reading a passage.
- Brainstorming: Have a friend record while students talk about what they want to write. They can then organized their writing on paper.
- Commercials: You can instantly record something new that they have learned and project it without any special software.

5. Ramblings:

Be a seeker. You never know what you might find when you take the time to look. Google and other search engines can be powerful tools to help us find ideas to enhance our lessons, new tools, and new ways to use old tools. It is all about being ready to learn something new.

"When you stop learning, stop listening, stop looking and asking questions, always new questions, then it is time to die." Lillian Smith

Have a great weekend!!

